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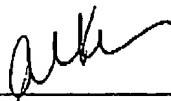
Message:

Examiner Ahmed:

Attached is a copy of the Amendment we filed on June 20, 2003 in response to the **final Office Action** and pursuant to a conversation we had with Examiner Thibodeau on Thursday, July 17, 2003. I am faxing you a copy of the Amendment and the return postcard showing the date of receipt by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as **June 24, 2003**.

As discussed on July 10th, we are inquiring into the status of the case as the one month extension of time deadline of July 20, 2003 is now upon us. You can reach me Monday, **July 20th** at 412-227-3089.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

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Serial No.: 09/870,037 Filing Date: May 30, 2001
 Examiner: Sheeba Ahmed Group Art Unit: 1773
 Invention: "CR-Free Paint Compositions and Painted Metal Sheets"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
☒ No additional fee is required.
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☒ The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fee s associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this Transmittal are enclosed.
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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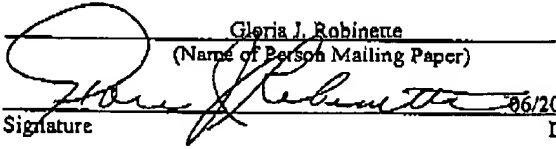
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of March 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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